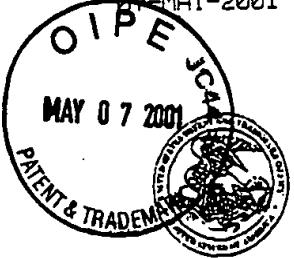


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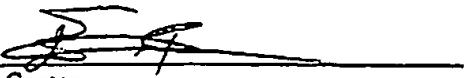
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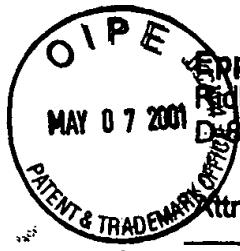
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Inventor(s): Ming-Yee CHIU  
For: Method and Apparatus for Monitoring an Analog Meter

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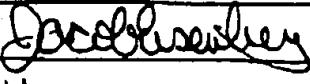
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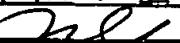
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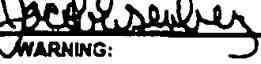
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